



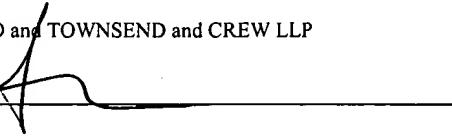
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michinobu MIZUMURA, et al.

Application No.: 09/944,866

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: FLAT PANEL DISPLAY UNIT  
AND METHOD OF REPAIRING  
DEFECTS IN ITS LINE PATTERN

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2789

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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